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RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

ELECTION—CALLING—SALVATION.

Two links of the chain, viz. Election and Salvation, are up in heaven in God's own hand; and that middle one, i. e. Effectual calling, is let down to earth, into the hearts of his children, and they having hold on it, have save hold on the other two, for no power can sever them. If, therefore, they can read the characters of God's image in their own souls, those are the counter-weights of the golden characters of his love, (the names are written in the book of life, the Scriptures,) and thus ascertain that the names some names are in the secret book of life which God hath by himself from eternity. So that finding the stream of grace in their heart, though they see not the fountain whence it flows, nor the ocean into which it returns, yet they know that its source is in their eternal salvation. It is, in fact, a spiritual link, and as such, is inseparably linked together, then, by any one of them a man may lay hold upon the rest; and may know that his hold is sure, and ought to seek, where he may attain, and ought to seek, the comfortable assurance of the love of God. Therefore make your calling sure, and by that of your election; for that being done this follows of itself. We are not to pry into the performance, decree, but to read it in the *pole star*, yet though the mariner sees not the *pole star*, yet the needle of the compass which points to it, tells him which way he sails; thus the heart that is touched with the loadstone of divine love, trembling with Godly fear, and yet still looking towards God by fixed believing, interprets the fear by the love in the fear, and tells the soul that its course is heaven-ward, towards the haven of eternal rest. He that loves, may be sure he is loved first; and he that chooses God for his dearest first, may confidently believe that God hath chosen him to be one of those that shall enjoy him, and be happy in him forever, for that our love and electing of him is but the return and reprobation of the beams of his love shining upon us.

Although from present unsanctification, a man cannot infer that he is not elected; for the decree may, for part of man's life, run, as it were, underground; yet this is sure, that that estate leads to death, and unless it be broken, will prove the black line of reprobation. A man hath no portion amongst the children of God, nor can read one word of comfort in all the promises that belong to them, while he remains unholy.

COLLIERIDGE.

HAVE YOU BECOME A NEW CREATURE?

"Fellow-mortals, hastening to the judgment; have you become a new creature? I do not ask you when, nor where, nor how; but have you ever become a new creature? Have you chosen Jehovah, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for your God? Is it your great object to glorify Him? and is His revealed will your rule of action? Do you have respect to all His commandments, for the sake of glorifying Him and doing good; trusting in Jesus Christ for what you need, to do this, and to be accepted in it? Do you love Jesus Christ; and contemplate with joy the rising prospects of His holy kingdom? Will you spend, and be spent in promoting His glory; in extending the honor of His name; and living not unto yourself, but unto Him that died for you and rose again? If so, you may hope that you are a new creature. And, if a new creature, immortal glories await you. All things are yours; life, death, things present, things to come, all are yours. You are borne in everlasting arms; and when you put off the body, angels attend you—the gate of heaven opens—and multitudes that no man can number, shout your arrival. You are then with Christ, and see the glory which he had with the Father before the world was. You veil your face, cast down your crown, and with saints and angels in heaven, cry: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. But where is he who is not a new creature, when he dies?—Sinking, and sinking, downward, still further downward, in the bottomless pit, for ever and ever! His heart cannot endure—his hand cannot be strong; for who can dwell with devouring fire? who can inherit everlasting burnings?"

[National Preacher.]

From the Vermont Chronicle.

EXEGESIS OF ISAIAH XLV, 11.

"Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons; and concerning the work of my hands command me ye." This text, particularly the latter clause of it, has long been considered one of difficult interpretation. For in what sense can it be true, that Jehovah has made himself subject to the authority and commands of his frail, ignorant, and guilty creatures? But this is not the only difficulty. The common translation of this text, makes a violent disruption of the preceding and subsequent verses, which are evidently parts of the same address, being closely connected in sense, and in style. It appears to me that this verse, like the one preceding it, contains not a command, but an interrogation. In the original, which I have carefully examined, I can discover no reason whatever, for the contrary opinion. The address is not, in my view, directly to the friends of God, for their encouragement; but to those who implicitly aim to intrude into the divine counsel, and are in the habit of finding fault with the government of Jehovah. To them this passage is addressed, by way of severe reproof. This pungent reprimand, commences at the 9th verse; and taking in the 11th, as I understand it, will read thus:—"Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, what maketh thee? or the woman, What hast thou brought forth? or the saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Things to come, concerning my sons, do of my hands, will ye command me? I, even I, I even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded." In this view, how consistent, sublime, and overwhelming to impious triflers and opposers, is the whole passage! A voice which must be heard, falling upon the ear, and comes into the heart, saying, with authority irresistible, "Be still; and know that I am God." S. M. K.

* See the Ill.

From Zion's Herald.

A HINT TO DESPONDING MINISTERS.

Mr. Editor.—Not long since a lady related to me the following anecdote; which contains so useful a moral, and the manner of its communication was so pleasing to my mind, that I wrote it down the first opportunity, and send it to you for your *Minister's Department*; hoping that some servant of the Lord, who is inclined to despondency, may receive entertainment and profit by its monitory suggestions.

A. L.

A certain minister who had been very successful in his labors in the gospel vineyard, at length saw but very little fruit attending his ministrations. To be useless, he could not bear, and his soul was bowed down under the discouraging prospects around him. Nothing on earth was so gloomy to him, as a spiritual death; for he had been used to showers of reformation mercy, and nothing else could satisfy his mind. Seeing no outpouring of the Spirit, no sinners converted under his preaching for some time, his soul was beset with desponding and melancholy fears.

While thus exercised, one night he dreamed, a gentleman hired him to work for him, and the price of his labor per day was stipulated. On inquiring what his employer would have him go about, he was informed he must go and hammer a certain rock to pieces. "That," he replied, "will do no good; for the rock is so large and hard I could never break it to pieces." "That is nothing to you," said the gentleman; "follow my directions and I will pay you your wages."

The laborer then went to work; and though it appeared an endless and therefore useless task, he labored with diligence and patience for the sake of his wages. After a while, contrary to all his calculations, the mountainous rock broke into shivers.

The minister saw that the dream contained instruction for him; he felt the reproof, resumed courage, and was again blessed with seeing the rocky hearts of many of his hearers broken by the hammer of God's word.

From the Christian Mirror.

ON THE PRESERVATION OF TRUTH.

Religious persons sometimes indulge their feelings and fancy in such a manner that facts are extravagantly exaggerated by them. You can hardly say anything less with justice than that they have lied. What is the difference between deliberately lying, and being so wild in our fancy, and loose in our words, as habitually or frequently to exceed the truth? The difference is like that of stealing a bag of money at once, and taking away the whole by a dollar at a time. The difference, however, is much less in favor of him who is loose in his language. God has given us eyes and ears, an understanding and a tongue, that we may learn and communicate truth; and we owe it to Him, to use our eyes and ears, our reason and speech, in such a way, that we may see and report facts correctly. If we have made an erroneous statement, it is not enough for us to say, "I thought so," or "I heard so;" the question may be asked, Had you good reason for believing so? We have no right to indulge our feelings so much as to view any thing falsely. A proper regard for truth will preserve us from such feelings, and from the incorrect views to which they lead us. I do not expect truth to flourish in the world, but in the church it ought to be preserved. In all public meetings, and in religious books and periodicals, truth should be kept inviolate.

I will consider the occasions which may lead Christians to violate the truth.

1. A desire to express themselves strongly may do this. We wish to utter our views and feelings in as lively a manner as we can reach. In aiming at this we may employ words which are more forcible, rather than those which most exactly suit the subject. This is falsehood. It is bombast, and not eloquence. It can succeed only with superficial minds. It may deceive those who are not acquainted with the ordinary style of the speaker or writer; but they who know him, will always make allowance for his exaggerations, and though they are not deceived, the speaker does not escape the guilt of falsehood. We ought to know the meaning of language, and employ those expressions which are ordinarily used to convey the ideas we have.

2. The peculiarity of our disposition may lead us to violate truth. Two persons may view the same parish, and one may darken the whole with clouds, and another may brighten the whole with light. Both violate truth when they describe circumstances as they view them.—A love of truth should triumph over every prejudice and passion of our heart. An habitual endeavor to view and state facts precisely as they are, would preserve us from extremes. The spies who surveyed the promised land and brought back to Moses an evil report of it, related what they saw, perhaps just as it appeared to them, but their disposition was wrong, their statement was wrong, and their guilt was great. There may be a wrong impression, and there may be therefore falsehood and guilt, in a flattering account. If a man of a sanguine spirit gives an account of the state of religion in some place, and from a few facts which elate him, represents it as a garden of the Lord, when it is a wilderness, he cannot exonerate himself from the guilt of falsehood.

3. A desire to make a powerful impression may lead us to violate truth. In advocating some particular measure which we deem important, we may give far too bright a color to facts which favor that measure. We may give no weight to objections against it. We may plead for it not as a disinterested lover of truth, but as a mercenary orator, who regards only his wages and the wishes of his employer. In giving an account of a revival of religion we may give such embellishment to the picture, that they who know the facts will hardly see any resemblance to the original. To plead for a measure which we believe good, by arguments, of whose soundness we are not assured, is betraying the truth. We may represent the state of a society or church as far more promising than it really is, that we may recommend ourselves, or the denomination we belong to, or that we may excite wonder, occasion humility or produce emulation. This is nothing better than falsehood; it is contempt of the all-seeing God, and it is imposition on men. It is so even if we do not intentionally overstate facts; it is so if we are careless about truth, and a sanguine temper, and ardent feelings betray us into wrong views and impressions. The injury to others is the same as if we practised intentional fraud. I do not believe that sophistical arguments for correct sentiments help the cause of truth on the whole, though they may have some favorable influence for a time.

4. There is a natural disposition in men to tell

something new and strange, something which will excite attention and wonder. This disposition leads to much falsehood in the intercourse of common life. Many will relate marvellous stories, when a sound judgment would tell them that these things were very improbable. This disposition operates in the readers of religious newspapers. They wish to read something wonderful and to relate it, and the conductors of such papers are tempted to depart from their sober judgment to gratify the taste of rhapsodizing writers, or of wonder-loving readers.

I have mentioned some of the causes of falsehood. The subject is one of great importance. I was just going to add, that nothing is more precious than truth, but I will only say that truth is precious, lest I should lie in attempting to honor truth. I had rather use a tame expression, which I know is true, than a pointed and powerful one, of whose correctness I am not so confident. Truth is greatly sacrificed even in the Christian world. Frequently, when I hear professors talk, I do not feel confident, that they have looked narrowly, or heard carefully, or remembered correctly, or spoken cautiously. That Christian stands high, and though he says but little and speaks moderately, he exerts a powerful influence; when all, who know him, know that he searches thoroughly for truth, and honestly and carefully represents things as he views them. The beautiful conceptions of others clothed in beautiful language are but dreams, while his thoughts are sober and solid judgments.

C. C.

From the Western Recorder.

THE APOCRYPHA.

Mr. Editor.—I was highly gratified to learn the final decision of the "Apocryphal Question," some time since. But is there not also a corresponding decision required of private Christians—those, I mean, who have the charge of families? To place before one's household the professed word of God, the very message from heaven, while the same volume contains a mass of profane history, partly true and partly fabulous, and all bearing strong resemblance to scripture language, is, to my feelings, a glaring impropriety, and one that must have led to many serious evils. Since my remembrance, many pious and godly families have believed that the histories in question are merely of doubtful authority, i. e. that they might or might not be the word of God; and the same opinion doubtless still prevails to a great extent. Besides this, I have frequently known mistakes made, as that of Ecclesiastes for Ecclesiastus, the Wisdom of Solomon for the Proverbs of Solomon, in selections to be read with family prayer. But to say nothing of the latter, the appearance of the apocrypha in the Bible, dressed out in biblical language, and supplied in some measure with biblical titles, must naturally tend to secure for it, in the untutored mind, an undue veneration; and it is equally evident, that the doubts which are still entertained about its authenticity are liable to be transferred to the sacred writings themselves.

I own, Mr. Editor, that my attention was first called to the subject, by two mistakes which had been successively made at the family altar, by two pious persons who had but recently come under my employ. Still the consideration above mentioned has had the most influence with me; for I cannot but believe that the cause of infidelity has been greatly promoted by means of the apocrypha. For Christians to add their hopes of heaven on the precepts of revelation, and at the same time to doubt whether a large portion of the volume containing such revelation be true, is an inconsistency just such as infidelity would desire and expect to see.

Yours, &c. BETA.

From the Vermont Chronicle.

"PUT A BIBLE THERE."

As I was once travelling in Vermont, night overtook me in the town of H.—I called at the tavern of Mr. F., and going into the bar room discovered a Bible on the table; it attracted my attention the more, because I had not been accustomed to see the word of God in rooms of this kind.

In the course of the evening I had occasion to pass through several rooms, and, in every one I saw a Bible laid in some conspicuous place.—When I retired to rest, the blessed word of God was on the table by my bed-side. The hint was sufficient; I opened the precious volume, and for a few moments, read the words of eternal life; and then committed myself in prayer to the protection of a kind Providence. I went to bed, but what I had seen had made such an impression on my mind, that I could not sleep for some time. My heart was full of the wish, that every room in every house of entertainment throughout the world, possessed the Bible. But alas! seldom, if ever, have I seen that book in any other bar-room.

I relate this anecdote in the hope that the hint will be sufficient to excite landlords to "put a Bible there." I cannot but indulge the hope that every Christian landlord, at least, who reads the above, will imitate the example of Mr. F.

O. V.

UTILITY OF CUTS ON RELIGIOUS TRACTS.

In a large manufacturing town in the West Riding of Yorkshire, some pious persons are in the habit of leaving Tracts at the different dwellings of the poor. This is done every Sunday morning, and the same Tract is deposited at each habitation. On one occasion, the Tract which came in course for circulation, was the narrative of "William Kelly;" with a cut, representing the subject of the story, sneaking bareheaded from the presence of a storming hostess, who had seized his hat for security for a tavern score. Such a circumstance actually did take place and proved the turning point in his life, who was afterwards appropriately designated "The happy Christian." The disgrace of the incident induced sober reflection, sober reflection issued in repentance, and repentance in one of the most pleasing specimens of lowly piety that modern days can boast.

This Tract, thus embellished, was left among other houses at the house of one of the most profigate drunkards in the place; and to him, strange to say, a circumstance precisely similar to that which arrested Kelly in his career, had occurred the evening before. His hat being detained for debt by the landlady of a neighboring ale-house, he had hastened homewards, bare-headed, and incensed and ashamed, and had retired to rest raging like a she-bear robbed of her young. Sunday morning found him half-dressed, and he hurried down stairs half-dressed, and he flung himself into a chair which stood beside the breakfast table—when he first object that caught his attention was the frontispiece of the Tract which he was then describing, placed,

we will not say accidentally, full in his view. Glancing at it with an eye of fierceness, he seized it and striking the table with his fist, at the same time uttering a fearful imprecation, exclaimed "those villainous Methodists!—if they have got me already painted up to be the laughing-stock of the town; here I am without a hat. I'll be even with them." Thus he raved till the tempest of his ire had somewhat exhausted itself in oaths and menaces; then prompted by curiosity, he thought he would ascertain what was said concerning him. A near inspection of the object of his wrath immediately corrected his preposterous error; but his curiosity having been excited, he perused the little narrative, and the perusal was productive of the happiest effects. He resolved in the strength of God that he would reform, he repaired to a place of worship, began to search the Scriptures, and exhibit every symptom of real repentance. He is now, if I rightly recollect, in the employment of the gentleman who related the incident, and from being a disgrace to society, a curse to his neighborhood, and a scourge to his family, he has become one of the kindest of neighbors, faithful of servants, best of fathers, and soberest of men.

EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

A correspondent to whom we have often been obliged for interesting favors, has communicated to us the following fact concerning one of our female Missionaries, now in India.

"Immediately after her own renovation, she began to pray and use means for the salvation of her three younger sisters; and she began, and continued to act systematically. A little season was devoted, on a certain day, every week, to prayer with and for them. At length, He who has styled Himself, 'a prayer hearing God,' who has said, 'ask and ye shall receive'—ye shall not seek my face in vain;—condescended to answer. The three sisters were brought to bow to the sceptre of Jesus, and to take upon them the profession of His name. The oldest was baptized just before I came here, and the two younger soon afterwards. After their conversion, the prayer-meeting became doubly interesting to all; and to the present time, I am informed, it has been continued by the three, for whom it was first established, and the mother occasionally unites with them. If all Christians were thus faithful, how much good might be effected."

Col. Star.

From the New-York Observer.

Avoid it; pass not by it; turn from it; and pass away. The boarders met in the morning. They were from various parts of the country, and had visited different places of interest in the city the evening before. Of two of the parties, one had attended the Theatre,—the other a religious meeting; and both, it was soon seen by their remarks, were serious and religious! The first uttered the tones of regret and chagrin. "Had we known all," they said, "we should not have gone to the Theatre. We thought we would go once to satisfy our curiosity; but it is a place no decent person ought ever to visit." The other party remarked that they had never been to the Theatre, and never intended to go; because of its abominations, and because of the base character of many, if not most, who frequent it. These things they said had suppressed their curiosity. "Had we known what we now know," replied the others, "we should never, even for once, have given it our support."

Messrs. Editors, will you please to publish this as a warning to others. I am persuaded that thousands of our moral people from the country, did they know more of its corruptions, would not gratify that curiosity which asks for one visit to the Theatre.

A COUNTRYMAN.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT.

For the Boston Recorder and Telegraph.

HOME MISSIONS.—NO. XVII.

Among the various causes that have operated to reduce so many churches in our country to a state of feebleness bordering on extinction, one of melancholy interest and special prominence, is the injudicious conduct of their pastors. And I do not allude here to those unhappy cases of heresy and immorality which have sometimes occurred, and given all but just occasion to the enemies of Christ to blaspheme; there are other failings among the "messengers" of God to the churches, which, though less affecting the evidence of their personal piety, are scarcely less baneful in their influence on the prosperity of Zion.

A Missionary in the employ of the Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society, after having received a call, to settle over a once flourishing but now wasted church, writes thus: "I do not know that I have much concern about getting that support which the people here offer—but, more than in most places they fear being involved in difficulty by their ministers; for they have been somewhat perplexed in that way, and are far from being a ministerial people at present; what they may become in a course of years, years must tell."

When a minister plunges into debt, to secure the convenience of a "fixed abode" without prospect of extricating himself except by the small savings of a salary inadequate to his support; when he makes his calculations for a permanent establishment amid the winds and waves of popular feeling, (and he has no better foundation to build upon,) and to realize these calculations, resorts to expedients, that the sacredness of his vocation at least renders questionable;—when he goes from his pulpit to his farm, or his merchandise, or adopts some petty system of speculation, to eke out his scanty means of subsistence, and relieve himself from the clamors of creditors, or the greater evil of self-reproach, for fully that no tears can wash away, he unavoidably loses a portion of the confidence of his best friends, breaks up entirely the weaker attachments of others, and opens wide the mouths of religion's avowed enemies against himself and the cause he advocates. And if to all other injudicious measures, he adds the perpetual complaint, that his salary is too small, that his friends are not active enough—that his people are cruel in disregarding his wants—and throws the whole burden of blame for all the consequences of his own imprudence on them, how can it be expected that he will be either useful or happy in his situation? And if he be neither useful nor happy, is it not infallibly certain that his church will dwindle, and his society disperse?

Young ministers are apt to reflect too little on the consequences of contracting heavy debts—consequences primarily affecting themselves

chiefly—but ultimately involving their people far more deeply and unhappily. Very many of the present desolations of Zion, may be traced directly to this cause.

Let any minister neglect his appropriate studies for the cultivation of his grounds—let him abandon the firesides of his people, through the pressure of engagements that seem indispensable to his private interest, and his hold on their affections is lost; let him be engaged in borrowing and paying money when he ought to be in his closet; in studying how to clear himself of incumbrance when he ought to be studying how to save souls from hell,—and he will be regarded as a hireling by the multitude—as a weak man by the wise—as a man of doubtful piety by the good—and as a useless being, by all.

It were to be wished that no minister would stay with a people after they wish him gone; and that in order to avoid this predicament, ministers would confine themselves to their appropriate duties; and that to do this, they would live in hired houses, on bread and water, rather than plunge into debt.

S. A.

HURON PRESBYTERY.

The following extract of a letter to the Editor, from a Clergyman on the Western Reserve, relates to a meeting held a short time since, by the Huron Presbytery, at the Missionary station on Maumee River. Conn. Ohs.

The great road on which we travelled did not discover to us very many settlements; for, as I remarked, it is but just finished, but the country on each side of it is filling up very fast. Having never travelled so far west before, I have but little knowledge of it. I would therefore only say, that by looking on the map of the State of Ohio, 1820, you will see 14 new counties lying west of Huron, extending south nearly, or quite one third through the State.—These lands were bought of the Indians about 1816; since then they have been surveyed, and have been continually settling. I presume the greater proportion of the townships already have settlers in them. Some have 70 or 80 families; and I know not any Presbyterian ministers in the whole. There may be, but I think not, some in the south part of the tract; and on some accounts many of these settlements are already as well able to support preaching, as the Reserve. The lands are of necessity taken up by actual settlers, for they must be paid for when taken. This township of York, and another called Eden, on Honey creek, about 15 miles south of the road, I fear have already passed the critical period to which I referred formerly; at any rate they have arrived at it; and doubtless there are others in the same condition. So much was Mr. Smith interested for them at York, that he was easily persuaded to stay on our return and spend a Sabbath with them; and expressed a willingness, if he could be released from an engagement in Trumbull county for two or three months, to go and itinerate in that region. Indeed we all felt for them, but the rest of us had equally important fields of labor at home. I hope he will come. And if it should be consistent, that he or some other person should be commissioned to go and look up the sheep in that wilderness; for it is a fact that there are in many of these remote and isolated townships, members of our own communion.—O, Sir, it would make your heart ache to see how many of them sit down and weep when they remember Zion; but more dreadfully to find many, who, deprived of the means of grace, lose their Christian character. I wish the means of the Society were equal to its desires, then might the blessing of many more ready to perish, come upon it.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Missionary Herald.

BOMBAY.

Joint Communication from the Missionaries. The letter from which the following notices are derived, is dated August 24, 1826, and is addressed to the Corresponding Secretary. It brings down the history of the mission about five months later, than the documents heretofore published.

The health of Mr. Graves, for several months, had not been good, though generally he had been able to conduct the public worship of the chapel, and to perform other customary and important duties. The preaching of the gospel is attended to in various forms, occasionally in English, and often in Marhatta. One of the weekly meetings is at the house of a native, who, for some time, has appeared desirous of Christian instruction, and has even requested baptism, upon a profession of his faith in Christ. The missionaries, however, are not fully satisfied as to the purity of his motives, and wait for a more full development of character. The practice of addressing persons by the way-side, at the school-rooms, and at their own doors, is still followed.

It has been stated in this work, that the first edition of the entire New Testament, in Marhatta, was completed just before the death of Mr. Hall. A new edition is now demanded. Pecuniary assistance in the reprint, is expected from the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its Auxiliary in Bombay. A second edition of the Gospel of Luke is in the press, and Mr. Graves designs to employ such leisure time as he can obtain, in the revision of the residue.

Since the year commenced, somewhat more than 450,000 octavo pages, in Marhatta, have been issued from the press, on account of the mission; and about 150,000 pages 12mo., for societies and individuals sustaining no connection with the mission. A few English works have been also printed.

The missionaries say, that the demand, among the natives, for printed books, is rapidly increasing, and that those of a religious character are readily received by great numbers.

The boarding-school for the instruction of country-born and half-cast children in English, was relinquished in May, in consequence of the diminished strength of the mission. The native free-schools continued to afford encouragement. Their number for boys, when the letter was written, was 24, of which eight were in the town of Bombay. Applications for new ones continued to be frequent, but an enlargement of the number was not deemed expedient until the mission should be reinforced.

Female Education.—The mission has lately entered a new department of labor, from which much good may be anticipated. This department is the education of native females, a thing, until within these few years, unknown in India.

The number of schools is 10. The number of females in these schools, is about 200. Among these, there are several daughters of Brahmins, and many others of high caste. The pupils are

taught reading, writing, and arithmetic; and commit to memory the ten commandments, and hymns, together with a catechism prepared for the purpose. About 80 of these females have learned to write, though a very few only have yet become able to compose. The instruction is, of course, in the Marathi language.

Favor of Government.—"On this subject the missionaries say, 'We should be guilty of ingratitude, were we to conclude our letter without recording a late manifestation of the friendly and liberal spirit, with which our mission is regarded by the local authorities. In February last, we made application to government for five vacant building spots in the native town of Bombay, for the purpose of erecting buildings for our native free schools. In June we received an answer, stating that four of these were granted rent free, with this reserve only, that, if required for public purposes, they were to revert back to government, upon the sum being paid to us, at which the buildings on them might be valued by a committee appointed for this purpose. The reason of the fifth not being granted was, that it was situated in a part of the town, where a new road is to be made, and until that road be laid out, no land in its vicinity could be made over by government. We are intending to erect buildings for the accommodation of some of our schools on these spots, as soon as the rainy season closes.'"

"The Columbian printing press, commissioned from England in 1825, arrived a few weeks since. This we consider a great addition to our printing establishment."

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

BIBLE MOVEMENTS IN PRUSSIA.

More than a year since, it was obtained by the King of Prussia, that in all the Protestant churches of the kingdom, a collection should be made annually for the Prussian Bible Society. He has also ordered, that in all the Protestant schools where the Bible is not used, it shall be introduced. That where it has been supplanted by detached portions of Scripture, it shall be restored entire, viz. for the younger scholars who can read with fluency, the whole New Testament; and "for those who are near the instruction for confirmation, or who already have a New Testament, or who are in a higher class," the whole Bible: That "in all seminaries for the education of school-masters, instruction shall be given to qualify them to make a judicious use of the Bible in teaching children, with a faculty of ready application, as the rudiment, not only of an outward, but an inward acquaintance with it."

By a decree still more recent, all his Majesty's subjects are required, under penalties, to send their children to school at a certain age. Hence it follows, that unless the laws are broken, not a Protestant child in the Prussian dominions will hereafter grow up in ignorance of the Scriptures!

These facts will account, in some measure, for the firmness of the Catholics in Silesia, (as mentioned in our number for May 12th,) in refusing to give up their Bibles, when demanded by the Prince Bishop of Breslau. They knew well that they had the approbation of their sovereign; & that if driven to extremities by the Bishop, they could embrace Protestantism, and find in him a protector. This they threatened to do, should their Bibles be taken away.

The population of Prussia, in 1817, was ten million three hundred and thirty thousand. We will call it the same at present; though without doubt it has increased; and we will suppose the number of children included in the ordinance of the King to be one-tenth of the whole; which is undoubtedly a low estimate. The number of Bibles and Testaments then, which will be immediately required in the schools, is 1,033,000. Of these we will suppose that one half can be furnished by the families to which the children respectively belong. There will then remain to be provided from other sources, 516,500; or almost as many as have been printed by the American Bible Society since its foundation. Now if we make the large estimate that half this number will be furnished by booksellers, there will remain to be supplied by the Prussian Bible Society and other similar institutions, before the Royal decree can be fully executed, 258,250; or nearly four times the number issued by the American Bible Society during the past year. Hence it is probable that a new spring will be given to the operations of the Prussian Bible Society; and that we shall continue to hear, more and more, of the triumphs of truth in that interesting country. Hence, too, the necessity of calling for collections in all the Protestant churches of the kingdom.

And what effect will this strong ground in favor of the Bible, produce on Russia? The Emperor has suspended the operations of the Russian Bible Society; but we are not aware that he has forbidden the introduction of Bibles from abroad. At any rate, here will be an example before his eyes, and the eyes of his people, of a nation on their very borders, where a policy is pursued in relation to the Bible, directly in opposition to his own. They will see its happy effects, as they have formerly seen among themselves, and do still in some measure; and they will be encouraged to adopt all lawful means to induce a change in the will of their sovereign.

There is another channel of influence, which, in conclusion, it may be proper to mention. Among the annual subscribers to the Prussian Bible Society, together with six other members of the Royal Family, is the heir apparent, Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, and his consort the Princess Louise, who, besides her regular subscriptions, has made a liberal donation in aid of its funds. May it not be hoped that through the influence of these distinguished individuals, the example of Prussia will be felt in the Netherlands.

Bibles in the hands of children, naturally find their way into the dwellings of their parents. Consequently, should the present laws continue in force, it may be expected that a knowledge of the Bible will ere long become more generally diffused among the Protestant population of Prussia, than in any other country. And in respect to the Catholics, there is reason to hope, that such instances as have occurred in Silesia, will become comparatively common.—[N. Y. Obs.]

From the Christian Watchman.
BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS.—25th Anniversary.

The Annual Report communicated a gratifying account of the labours of our Missionaries in the year that is past. 15 have been appointed by the Board. Two have preached with success in the British Province of New Brunswick, and the others have occupied important stations in the United States. In Maine, the Rev. Jacob Hatch has laboured in the towns of Ripley, St. Albans, Corinna, Palmyra, Hartland & Exeter, also up Piscataqua river, in a plantation on the Million Acres. A quickening influence has been granted in Ripley, and also in Corinna. In New York State, brethren Going and Metcalf have been rendered useful. In Springfield, a new church has arisen of 32 members. The number of converts is supposed to be about 60. The revival commenced with power on a baptismal occasion, in Springfield. Sheldon has been refreshed by a season of grace, and seven are baptized; the same number also in Orangeville. Since Mr. Going went into that country, he has baptized

89. Mr. Going gratefully acknowledges the receipt of 48 Bibles, sent him by Mr. Sharp. They were received by the people as an invaluable favour. The Rev. Benjamin Oviatt has been blessed in Allegany Co. About 40 have been baptized, and a church constituted. In other places, he has formed two Tract Societies and a Female Mite Society. In Ohio, Rev. William Spencer has spent six months, endeavouring to raise the standard of religious feeling and of zeal, and has established amongst the people six Sabbath Schools.

In the States bordering on the Mississippi, the Rev. John M. Peck has laboured for several years under the Society's patronage. At his request, three Missionary Boards are organized for the Western Country, whose Missionaries are appointed by this Society, and to these Boards is voted 100 dollars each for the year. Rev. W. Kinney, one of these Missionaries, is appointed to visit the people on the lead mines on Fever River, on the N. W. corner of Illinois, 400 miles up the Mississippi from the mouth of Missouri. The lead mines are rich, covering a tract of country from 50 to 170 miles in extent. More than 500 persons are preparing to emigrate thither. Mr. Peck is successfully engaged in the establishment of a Literary and Theological Institution for the West. A site for the same is agreed on, and a system of operation is in progress. The prospects of success are brightening. But Mr. Peck thinks he shall need, from his Eastern brethren, about 150 dols. per annum, for a few years. The buildings for the Students' School Room, the Hall for Lectures, for the Library and Professor's Room, &c. are contemplated to be completed in September. The prospect of Students exceeds expectation. Applications for entrance have been made by eight preachers. There are also 20 who will enter the High School department.

The Board has expended in the last year 450 dols. to aid feeble churches, and the opinion is expressed that the fruit of this assistance has been abundant.

RECORDER & TELEGRAPH.

BOSTON, JUNE 15, 1827.

ANNIVERSARIES AT CONCORD, N. H.

[Accounts Abridged from the Rep. & Obs.]

The Election Sermon, June 7, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Baptist church in Concord.

The Baptist Convention held their anniversary meeting, on the 6th. Sermon by Rev. Professor Farnsworth, of New Hampton, from Rev. 3: 6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. The object of the speaker was to set forth the duty of Christians in the 19th century; which was stated to be no less than to put in operation the appropriate means for the conversion of the world. After the sermon, a collection was taken for the aid of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and the Education of youth for the Gospel Ministry.

The Convention of Congregational Ministers in New Hampshire, assembled at the north meeting-house, Sermon by Rev. Professor Howe, of Dartmouth college, from Gal. 2: 20. "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." The object of the preacher was to exhibit the nature and illustrate the power of genuine faith. At the close of the sermon, an appeal was made in behalf of the Widows' Charitable Fund, for which a collection was taken.

A Prayer Meeting was held on Thursday morning at the town hall, appointed by the Congregational Convention. At this meeting an interesting account was given by Rev. Mr. Arnold, of the revival of religion in Alstead. Great and good effects have already evidently resulted from this revival, upon the morals and Christian enterprise of the people. The work, it was stated, still in a measure progresses.—Other revivals in that vicinity were mentioned by Mr. S. and an interesting application of the facts he brought to view, was made by him to his brethren. This meeting afforded a refreshing season.

Temperance.—Dr. Muzzy, of Hanover, at the request of the Convention, delivered a public Address on the subject of temperance, which has been requested for the press.

The New Hampshire Colonization Society, held its annual meeting on Thursday evening. [We have received a full account of these anniversaries; but too late for this week's paper.]

WESTERN EDUCATION SOCIETY, OF N. Y.

The ninth report of the Directors was rendered to the Society, at their annual meeting in Utica, May 2d, and is published in the Western Recorder. We take a few facts. The Report embraces a period of 16 months, in consequence of the time of the annual meeting being altered. The whole number of beneficiaries aided in that time has been 26; the number now receiving aid at the boarding establishment at Clinton, is 16. The whole amount of donations, in provisions, cloth, clothing, cash, and other articles as estimated by the donors, \$2881, 33; on hand at the time of the last report, \$1011, 48; total \$3892, 86, the greater part of which has been appropriated and expended. Debts of the Society at time of last report, \$1764, 95; debts now, \$1530. An agreement has been made with the Steward for the ensuing year, to board all the beneficiaries at one dollar per week; he having the use of the premises, and the privilege of cutting his fire wood, free of rent; and to take all his pay in provisions.

The following paragraphs, from different parts of the Report, show the methods adopted by the Directors: "The system of town agency is now established in 130 towns and societies, extending from the St. Lawrence to Pennsylvania, and from Montgomery to Cayuga counties; embracing most of the towns within these limits, and numbering 170 town agents. On the annual collections received from these agents, the Society will chiefly depend, for meeting the current expenses of the institution. A plan has been adopted, which has a fair prospect of being successful, to provide for the support of the General Agent, without taking for this purpose any thing from the donations made to this Society.

Of the 170 town agents that have been appointed, not one of the individuals that were first applied to has declined accepting the appointment. The donations acknowledged in the present report have been received from 1080 individuals, belonging to 83 different congregations; besides 34 societies, where the individuals are not named.—There are two leading objects to which the attention of this Society will be especially directed the ensuing year; one is to obtain the means of cancelling the debts now charged against the Society; and the other to ascertain, as far as may be practicable, what individuals, in every place, will be the regular patrons of this Society, by contributing something annually to its funds, and about what sum each will be able to raise.

For the following exhibits the pressing demand for ministers. Societies can be named, that have been for months without a minister, solely because no suitable men could be obtained for them. The young men from our seminaries are generally engaged for weeks, and often months before they are licensed to preach. Seldom, indeed, do we find a devoted candidate, who has not more calls than he is able to supply.

HAMPDEN COUNTY SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.

We have received a circular, issued by a society of this name, recently formed at Springfield, Ms., and intended to embrace the county of Hampden. It is directly auxiliary to the American Union, at Philadelphia. The circular accounts for this measure thus. In the summer and autumn of 1826, a very flourishing Sabbath School existed in the Rev. Mr. Osgood's parish in Springfield. It was then auxiliary to the Massachusetts Union, and at the opening of the school, its patrons endeavored to procure a library; but they found that the Depository at Boston was not supplied with one-eighth of the publications of the American Society; and they were obliged to wait several weeks before a small order could be answered. They further state: "Early in the spring of the present year, we made some inquiry and ascertained (as we supposed correctly) that the Depository at Boston, did not contemplate a permanent supply of books, sufficiently large to answer orders for extensive libraries, such as many country parishes want; but that if an order was sent to them, by an auxiliary, they repeated the order to the parent society, at Philadelphia, and in this circuitous way the books were obtained. Under these circumstances, and with this information, a number of the friends of Sabbath Schools suggested a Union of the County, and the establishment of a Depository nearer home."—A County Union was accordingly formed. Among a few things which they "wish to be distinctly understood," we notice the following: "Fifthly, That we became auxiliary to the Parent Society at Philadelphia, rather than to the State Union at Boston, because we verily thought that we could get our orders answered cheaper and quicker at the former than at the latter place, and this we have found to be the case."

"Sixthly, That whenever we find the State Union ready to give us all the advantages which the National Society can give us, we shall most cordially unite ourselves with the State Union, and our hope is that we shall carry with us, as an auxiliary, every parish in the county." They propose to establish at Springfield a permanent Depository, for which they wish to raise \$500. They add, "Most of our parishes, which have not already been visited, will be visited in the course of the season, when such further information will be given as may be required. We have presented our motives and plans to the managers of the State Union, and have great confidence in the coincidence of their views with ours. Our Depository has been arranged; our exercises, class papers &c. &c. prepared; and it is for the Christian people of the county to say how far they will co-operate with us. Together, we can, with God's blessing, accomplish much—apart, our efforts will be weak and faltering, if not fruitless."

The circular contains a "Plan, or Mode of organizing county Sabbath Schools;" one which we think is very judicious, and calculated to make a school efficient. It is accompanied with specimens of "Exercises," or sheets containing scriptural subjects and hymns for the different classes. These are adapted to different ages.

* The Depository now well supplied.

FOURTH OF JULY—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A writer in the Pittsburgh Recorder proposes, that the Sabbath Schools of that city be collected in a grove on the morning of the 4th of July—to sing suitable hymns, printed and distributed for the occasion—to join in prayer by a clergyman—and to take some simple, healthful and innocent refreshment. He proposes that the clergymen and intelligent visitors, for the remainder of the time, "pass through the ranks—converse familiarly with the scholars and teachers—and briefly impress upon them the importance of an intelligent, virtuous & useful life; and devout gratitude and homage to the Deity, for his manifold blessings on the American people."

SABBATH SCHOOL CIRCULAR.

When Sabbath Schools were originated, premiums were needed, because the system was one of kindness and not of chastisement. But the children's books, then in use, were generally frivolous, and often pernicious. A single school was not able to print my work; or if they did, could have no variety; therefore, the schools in Philadelphia, at an early period, formed a friendly coalition, and organized a Society to diffuse instruction, and to supply the want of a variety of suitable books, together with the spirit of the age, served to multiply them in every direction, so that the Philadelphia Society, though first designed for that city only, grew exceedingly, and in the year 1824, enrolled as auxiliaries six hundred and thirteen schools situated in thirteen different states.

Being thus, in fact, a great national institution, and having become by the spontaneous will of distant schools, a name proper to call it so, and by an alteration of the constitution, it was styled the AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, and its stereotyped plates, amounting to about \$5,000, and resources of every description being transferred to the new Board, became the property of the nation; the schools of Philadelphia reserving no private rights along the rest. It embraces schools of all denominations, which, in the spirit of this species of benevolence, and gives the best possible guarantee that its publications shall not be sectarian, by having the "Committee of publication" composed of persons from the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal churches, and allowing no book, or even expression to be printed, if any one of the committee objects.

In May last, this now general society, presented its third report, and already it enrolls two thousand four hundred and fifteen schools. These embrace 22,291 teachers, and 159,000 scholars.

The term auxiliary, when used in reference to the societies connected with this Union, is divested of its usual acception. Except an initiatory fee of three dollars, which is scarcely devoted to the Society's Missionary Fund, nothing is required of auxiliaries but their annual report. In a few instances only have they ever made a donation to our funds. The parent society is in fact auxiliary to them all. The mere having of a depot, where the various articles needed may be had at one place, is of inestimable convenience to the schools abroad, which could not possibly otherwise gather a library of suitable books. Indeed, the schools are indebted to the parent society for the very existence of those books, premiums and requisites which are suitable. On the other hand, the auxiliaries are in no wise controlled by this society. They choose their own plan of management, and are not even expected to purchase their books at its Depot, unless they find it comport with their interest, and each denomination may purchase elsewhere such books as suit its peculiarities. The labors of the board of managers are truly arduous (several of the committee meeting twice a week regularly) and are wholly gratuitous. Their only motive being to extend the prevalence of what they consider an inestimable public good. In this they have been eminently blessed and succeeded by Divine Providence. By their publications and travelling agents (there were twenty last year) especially by the monthly magazine for teachers, an earnest impulse has been given to this blessed work; there having been an

increase since its formation of 1,902 schools, comprising 121,000 scholars.

The enlarged printing operations required by the incessant extension of the system, have produced great embarrassments for the board of managers. Calls for help are made from new schools, in every part of the country, which they have been able to render only to a very limited amount. Weak unions are every where asking aid to establish depositories, which, on account of the importance of the measure is done in whole or in part from our funds, in about sixty instances, though it adds to our difficulties. The rate of the Society's printing, and how it has been one hundred and fifty thousand pages, 18mo size, per day. The difficulties in conducting a business of this magnitude, without a capital, are obvious.

The city in which the society is located, has, hitherto, sustained it almost alone. From the origin of the Society up to the date of the last report, comprising a period of ten years, the entire donations from other parts of the country do not amount to four thousand dollars.—Only forty-six ministers have been made life members, by the payment of thirty dollars; and of these, eighteen are of Philadelphia. By these citizens, also, a house of proper dimensions and location, of which it is now in occupancy, and which cost about \$33,000, is about to be given to the society, the subscription list for which is rapidly filling up. The society will then be enabled to print, and have its various publications, which amount to nearly sixty papers, under its immediate inspection. Although the society, by stereotyping its publications, and throwing off large editions, has been able to reduce very greatly the cost of conducting a Sunday school, yet it wishes to carry that reduction to the utmost limit. If its friends abroad will make themselves life members, or if they will grant an annual aid, so that interest money may be saved, and purchases of materials always made for cash, at the best advantage, this result may be accomplished. This deduction of cost is considered of the utmost importance, for in proportion as any mode of charity is made cheap, it is made prevalent. With such aid, the society will be able to employ agents more extensively to found, revive, and improve Sunday Schools;—it may foster many feeble schools, and thus save many souls from perdition, in Spanish, and set on foot the system in South America, and the Texas; and, in fine, be what a National Sunday School Union ought to be.

Other societies, not more noble in their aim, or catholic in their nature, have received from an enlightened community the most generous patronage. This, now well known abroad its character and its claims, with a cheerful hope, that it will not be the first to meet a repulse.

Donations and remittances will be received by the subscriber and duly acknowledged, if left with Aaron Russell, at the Depository, Stone Church, Hanover St., previous to the 1st of August next. Ministers who are made Life Members by the payment of three dollars are not only entitled to meet with the Board of Managers, but to receive the "Sunday School Magazine," gratis, for life.

Boston, June 14. HOWARD MALCOM, General Agent.

BOSTON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A Quarterly meeting of Sabbath School Teachers of different denominations was held on Monday evening last at the Union Church in Essex Street. Hon. HENRY LINCOLN was appointed Chairman, and Mr. E. G. Parker, Secretary.

After prayer by Deacon Thomas Vose, Mr. Herrick, an Agent of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Union, mentioned some facts in relation to the state of Sabbath Schools in this Commonwealth. In some towns in the western part of the State, containing a population of 1200, there were 400 connected with the Sabbath School. In one Society the school was attended by persons 30 years of age, some heads of families. In Stockbridge, out of 100 who have recently become hopelessly pious, 40 were connected with the Sabbath School. In another town, a revival of religion commenced with a little girl 11 years of age, a Sunday Scholar. In the counties of Hampshire and Hampden, there is scarcely a town in which there is not a Sabbath School Library. In one town, a sum of money was voted at a Town Meeting for the support of a Library for the Sabbath School; and in 2 others the Directors of Sabbath Schools were chosen at a regular Town Meeting.

William J. Hubbard Esq., next addressed the meeting. He adverted to the growing importance of the Sabbath School system. Its object was to inculcate divine truth upon immortal minds. He trusted the time was not far distant, when the Fathers and Mothers in Israel would become teachers in Sabbath Schools. One objection common with them was, that their children must be taken care of at home. He thought this objection ought to be removed. He believed that children would derive more benefit from the study of the Scriptures at the Sabbath School, than at home. Teachers should feel themselves honoured in being permitted to engage in so glorious a work. He urged upon them the importance of punctuality. It is in vain for teachers to urge upon their children the duty of being punctual, unless their own example corresponds with the precept. Hon. Mr. Lincoln made some remarks, in which he alluded with much satisfaction to the pleasure he derived from attending the Anniversary of the American Sunday School Union, recently held in Philadelphia. He felt that there was a loud call for gratitude to God, for the establishment of that important institution.

The Rev. Mr. Malcom, General Agent of the American Sunday School Union, closed the meeting with a very animating and practical address. He remarked, that we must consider children, however poor and ignorant they may be, as destined to eternity. Teachers should pray much for their children, their manner should be characterized by mildness and heavenliness; not a harsh expression should escape their lips, nor an unkind feeling enter their breasts. Their labour is a labour of love. In giving instruction to children, one topic only should be introduced at a time, instruction should be communicated with great simplicity. Ask a child the meaning of large words, and he cannot answer you. Before lessons are assigned to children, it is of great importance to see that they understand the meaning of every word. Speak to them of the sins of children, the evils of bad company, the relative duties which they ought to perform. Friendly feelings should be cultivated with the parents of the children by the teachers. Parents should be invited to attend the prayer meetings of teachers, that they may have an opportunity to witness that they are engaged in a religious work. Sabbath Schools should exhibit more than they do the aspect of a religious institution. Mr. Malcom related the following anecdote, which he had that day received from a Female Superintendent of a Sabbath School in Philadelphia, as an illustration of the happy effects produced by the distribution of reward tickets. A little girl six years old, a Sunday Scholar, was brought very low by sickness. Her Mother sat watching by her bed-side, expecting soon to witness the melancholy termination of her disease. A short time before her death the child opened her eyes and said, "Mother, I have two reward tickets which I received at the Sabbath School; I will give them to you." After stating where they might be found, she remarked that one of them contained the following words: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." After the death of this interesting girl, the mother found the tickets; when she read the words on one of them, which her child had repeated, she became impressed with a sense of her lost condition, and was led as it is hoped to apply to Him who had made that gracious promise, in such a manner as to experience the fulfilment of it in her own soul. Mr. Malcom closed his remarks by giving some account of the origin of the American Sunday School Union, and urged upon all the teachers present the necessity of persevering in the great and good work in which they had engaged. The meeting was well attended, and the performances were highly interesting; and it is hoped that the effect of the impression which were made upon the minds of the teachers present, will be seen in their future increased zeal and activity in this good cause.

[Communicated.]

INTEMPERANCE.

Discourses on Intemperance, Preached in the church in Brattle Square, Boston, April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, May following. By John G. Palfrey, A. M., Pastor of the Church in Brattle Square.

Six Sermons on the Nature, Occasions, Signs, Evils, and Remedy of Intemperance. By Lyman Beecher, D. D.

An Address delivered before the Massachusetts Society for the Suppression of Intemperance, May, 31, 1827. By Charles Sprague.

The heart of the Christian philanthropist must expand with joy and gratitude, when he views the brightening prospects of our country in regard to temperance. Public attention is turned to the subject; men of all classes and conditions are alarmed at the fearful inroads of intemperance; men of talents and influence are ready and bold to speak and write, and sound a loud alarm; the true origin of the evil and the most effectual preventive have been discovered; hundreds say with one voice, "Something must be done," and prove their sincerity by commencing the work themselves; almost every day we hear of some pernicious custom abolished, some resolution of abstinence adopted, and some voluntary association formed for mutual encouragement in the work. We are well aware that all these things are but the beginnings of reformation. But they are such beginnings as have not been made before; such as great exertion and commanding eloquence could not heretofore produce. Whether the friends of temperance formerly pursued too entirely a less judicious course; or whether the awful prevalence of the desolation has now excited greater alarm; or whether the more general and powerful influence of religion has prepared the way; or whether we ought not to thankfully say that the Lord's time has now come, that his invisible influence on the hearts of men furnishes the ground of success, we will not undertake to say. But certainly efforts disinterested men seem ready to action, when the proposed made to them; opposition is scarcely heard of except from the very haunts of drunkenness; and the reformer we may say, Whatsoever he does prospers. The tide is turning; and the flood which has already laid waste not a few of the fairest portions of our heritage, is to be turned back to its horrid bed. Again we say, we feel a disposition for exultation; for the work, though well and prosperously begun, is only begun. Still the minister of the altar must warn and plead. Still legislatures and magistrates must look well to the foundations of the republic. Still the press must give line upon line, and precept upon precept. Still men must associate, in every county and township through the land, and oppose a closely united front to the common enemy. Parents must learn not to train up their children for drunkards, and the time must come, when every teacher of a school shall warn his pupils of the thousand snares which intemperance spreads for their feet.

The publications named above have all appeared in this city within a few weeks, in the order in which we have named them; and they are all able and welcome helpers in this great work. They are from gentlemen of various principles & pursuits; they take separate and distinct views of the subject; and each author has brought his peculiar talent into exercise for the benefit of the common cause. And it is well. Intemperance is a hydra, of innumerable heads; and if a hundred assailants bring their deadly weapons at once, there is room enough for all. This, in our opinion, is opposed to every creed. In waging war with this enemy, every man who will fight is welcome. "Here, as at a conflagration, no man says to another, What do you here? or, What do you think of the 'five points'?"

The Sermons of Mr. Palfrey are written in an elegant style, with care and caution, occasionally with no small energy. Their character is well suited to his object; which is a collection of facts, and reasoning from those facts. The whole is done in a lucid manner, and is calculated to leave a good and durable impression on the mind of the reader. We present an outline of his three discourses.

The first is from Jer. vi. 8, and treats of intemperance as affecting the public weal. Mr. P. makes an estimate of the immense quantity of spirits imported into our country, and distilled here: of the multitudes brought by this sin to wretchedness and the grave; and of yet other multitudes of wives and children, and other connections, made wretched by their fall. On the "political aspects" of this evil, he considers it as the great cause of pauperism, and of the multiplication of crimes; and that it brings the darkest cloud over our political prospects, as a nation of people who govern themselves.

The second discourse is founded on Prov. xv. 1, and is occupied in inquiring into the Sources of the mischief. These are found to be, Unconsciousness of mind; Conviviality; Want of occupation. The general use of liquors, in what is intended to be a moderate manner; their instituted connection with the intercourse of friendship, and the duties of hospitality; The facility with which spirits are obtained, being cheap, and sold at every corner.

The text of the 3d discourse is in 1 Cor. vii. 13; and the preacher answers the inquiry, What can be done to stay this torrent of woe & death; to stop this overflowing fountain of private and public ruin? He would first invoke the authority of law, and would look for the most effectual aid from national enactments. Again, he would provide substitutes for strong drink, and introduce innocent public amusements. He strongly recommends voluntary associations for mutual assistance against the evil; urges on individuals the peculiar exertions which are appropriate to their stations, and most of all, recommends that the sanctifying influences of the gospel of Christ be spread abroad.

The Sermons of Dr. Beecher are in his own style, and might be known if published without his name. The language is direct, clear, and forcible. It comes down to matter of fact without visionary calculations, rests on experience and the principles of human nature, and human soci-

TO LADIES TRAVELLING TO ENGLAND.
A Lady travelling to England, and wishing for a
table female companion to attend her on the voyage,
hear of one on reasonable terms, by applying personally
by letter addressed to C. M. at D. Goffs, N.

POETRY.

For the Boston Recorder and Telegraph.

RETROSPECTIVE HOURS.

There is a melancholy joy,
On which the heart delights to feel—
And often early to employ
Its hours when sensual joys recede,
And placid leave the troubled mind.
Oh, who delights not to recur
With retrospective glance behind
The curtain of the past—transfer
Himself to scenes of other days.

The scenes of joyous youth, when life
Gushed out with feeling, and the blue
Of youthful hope was bright, and ripe
With halcyon pleasures—when the morn
Came forth so beautiful, and beamed
Most purely on the spirit born
To love its glories, and all seemed
To the young heart so full of bliss—
And who loves not to recall
Some scene of sorrow—to dismiss

The grayer joys of earth, and call
To mind perhaps some early friend,
Whom the fatal dart of Death
Had pierced, and think upon the end
Of that loved one—the latest breath,
When the soul took its flight away—
To other worlds—and fondly weep—
The tears like those which on that day
Were shed to cherish—and to keep
All consolation out, and hide

Within the soft bosom the cup
Of sorrow, till the flowing tide
Of we in death is swallowed up.
There are awakened in my breast
Fresh recollections of a friend,
Whose memory deeply is imprinted
Upon my soul—and I would send
My spirit back to those bright days,
When I have felt her love, and when
Her smile beamed sweetly, as the rays
Of evening's star mildly serene,
She shed around so beautiful—

She was my Mother! and my tears
Will flow, for every fountain full;
What though some few and hasty years
Have changed me to more manliness,
Should utterance be refused to streams
That flow from such affection—this
Were philosophy that scarce seems
Natural. 'Tis bliss to weep, and think
On all her love—it soothes the heart
With 'th' hope that though the tender link
Be broke that binds on earth, each part
Shall meet in Heaven, and stronger bond
Our souls. I had but just begun
To taste of pleasure, and to find
New beauty in each brightening scene,
And my glad heart thought not of death—
It beat most joyously with life,
Like the gay birds when morning's breath
Comes stealing o'er the lilies so ripe
With balmy incense. I knew not
The sad reality of—
I never had felt a pang like aught
Of misery—and such a blow
Left on my bosom a deep trace
That time can never blot out, nor tears
Although they drain their faint efface—
It still as deep, as pain appears.

She died not helpless! for her soul
Rested upon her Saviour's love.
She'd walked the road, and marked the goal
That gave her hope of rest above.
Peaceful she sleeps!—My Mother! may
Thy spirit be my guardian friend—
Restrain my feet when'er they stray,
And watch me, and from sin defend,
And when my final hour shall come,
Be thou my spirit's angel guide,
And safe conduct me to that home
Where death our souls shall never divide.

New York, March 22, 1827. OSCAR.

*These lines were received in due season, but have been mislaid.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

From the Christian Advocate & Journal.

FRUGALITY RECOMMENDED TO YOUTH.

If a man wishes to be found in comfortable circumstances in the decline of life, he must, while young in years, practise economy.

To old age very few things wear a more horrid appearance than poverty; and yet how few in their early moments consider that they are, by a foolish waste of their property, paving a way for the rapid advances of poverty, disgrace, and pain.

There is scarcely an individual but what may, by slender means and timely efforts, rise superior to the cold grasp of poverty. It is true that every man is not born to be equally alike favored with wealth, but there are very few that need sigh under the imposing lash of penury and distress.

Diligence in the exercise of a man's calling, and prudence in the distribution of his gains, will form an easy ascent to sufficiency and content. Frugality does by no means encourage that kind of parsimonious disposition that withholds from objects struggling under the misfortunes of life that prompt assistance which one person owes to another—it only checks the waste of the liberal bounties which Heaven bestows upon us. A very great and good man, in the course of a well spent life, would sometimes say to his friends, "Get all you can, save all you can, give all you can." There is a kind of giving liberally from a laudable enterprise, or a suffering fellow creature, claims our aid, that is no way inconsistent with the most rigid exactions of frugality; but, in every case, prudence must be our guide. Few, if any, need make a mistake in this affair, if they will but submit to the wisdom that is from above: in all they ways acknowledge God, and he shall direct their paths. And "whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col. iii. 17.

To make the last stage of life as easy as outward circumstances will admit—

First, improve your time with all possible advantage. Time is that talent, which, if rightly understood and duly improved, is productive of the greatest good. "Time is money." Waste it, and you sink the capital that should support you at the close of life. Remember that time is perpetually in motion, and if once beyond your reach, it can never, no, never be regained. Make therefore, the best of so transient a guest; suffer not a moment to glide past you without first extracting from it the highest interest.—The loss of a single moment might occasion even the loss of a kingdom.

Secondly, Keep your expenses within due bounds. Suffer them not to go beyond the limits of your income, but add a little to what you have already gained. If you cannot save as much from your honest earnings as those whose means are more efficient than your own, do not be discouraged; be resolutely determined to realize what your labors will afford.—Waste nothing.

Efforts, though apparently weak in themselves, will, by repetition, perform wonders. Some of our largest and most elegant edifices

were produced by adding one stone or one brick to another. Nature, as well as art, has its progress.

"Sands form the mountains, moments make the year."

It is a trifle added to the little, which, in the end, must form the bulk of a man's fortune. Therefore waste nothing that can be turned to a good account. The greatest losses frequently originate in a neglect of lesser things. Place, then, a strict guard over your outgoings, that they exceed not those limits which ought to bound your daily expenses, and you may laugh at poverty, and triumph over those painful anxieties which accompany and alarm the spendthrift, and which finally bring down his gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

Thirdly, In all your undertakings seek by prayer the favour of Him whose blessing maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

It is said that our friends the Dutch, occasionally enforce a proverb, "There is nothing gained by stealing, and nothing lost by praying." Honest endeavors generally exceed our most sanguine expectations; but when aided by His smile who causeth all things to work together for good to those that love him, they cannot fail of their intended purpose. Prayer is a duty as well as a privilege of the highest importance to man, and we ought, in justice to ourselves, as well as for the benefit of others, to exercise ourselves in it. Indeed, without the use of this pleasant and very profitable employment of the mind, we may exert all our other powers in vain. We can form plans, we may attempt purposes, but what can we expect short of disappointments, unless we make our requests frequently known to God?

"Prayer is appointed to convey the blessings God designs to give."

We ought, therefore, so far to consult our own welfare in facilitating our own designs as to ask that we may receive. In so doing we shall assuredly find, that though "bodily exercise profiteth little," yet "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." PETER COLLINS.

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

For the Boston Recorder and Telegraph.

HINTS TO MY NEIGHBORS.

In my last number, I recommended to all, entire abstinence from distilled spirits as a beverage, and proposed a substitute. In this essay, I wish more fully to show, that my plan of living is practicable, and by weighty considerations urge its adoption. In the early part of life, I resided with a respectable farmer, who was of high standing in the Methodist order of Christians. He was bound by his conscience and his creed to use no ardent spirits, excepting as a cordial. While I resided in his family, which was about three years, I know not, that he drank a single gill; and yet, he was a man of good health, accomplished much business, was usually pleasant and apparently happy. Were it necessary, I could cite the lives of many of the best of men, to strengthen and confirm my sentiments upon this subject; but I will only mention the case of the pilgrims, who landed at Plymouth, and their immediate descendants. When they came to this country, it is believed, they had no ardent spirits, nor even cider;—and yet, they were generally more healthy, than we are,—they endured more hardships, and performed more labor, than we can,—and lived to a greater age, than we do. What farther proof do we need to establish this point? We certainly can cultivate our farms, and perform every kind of hard service, without drinking ardent spirits. But how shall I persuade my neighbors to break off from a bad habit, and contract a good one? Of confirmed drunkards there is little hope. Give them new rum, mixed with ipecacuanha, assafetida, or any thing that will make them loath intoxicating liquors, and not destroy life, and save them, if you can. My business is chiefly with the sober reflecting part of community; and upon their rejection, or reception of the mode of living, which has been recommended, or one similar, the fate of America and of future generations is suspended! If this vicious torrent should continue to flow and increase, forty years to come, as it has forty years past, it would be overwhelming. May I not assert we should become the most drunken nation on earth! Indeed, I am alarmed, & wish to say and do all in my power to check and arrest this great destroyer of man. Yes, and I would enlist multitudes to engage in the momentous work. Some of our youth and near connections, are even now in the jaws of the monster!

Parents, look to your children. They are the hope of the church, and the hope of the land. See to it, that they are properly educated relative to this subject. I have been surprised at the conduct of some fathers and mothers, who take their dram, and leave a little spirit with the sugar at the bottom of the cup to be distributed among their children. Thus the little ones contract a fondness for intoxicating liquors, which will be likely to increase with years. Reader, be not offended when I say, such parents educate their offspring to be tipplers. The best good of children requires, that they should never know how ardent spirits taste, only when mixed with some laudable medicine.

OBSERVER.

PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE.

The Kennebec and Somerset (Clerical) Association, (in Maine,) at their late meeting, May 9th, resolved unanimously:

"I. That we will make no use of ardent spirit at the meetings of this Association; and that we will use our influence to have it banished from all meetings of church conferences, and ecclesiastical Councils.

II. That we will not use ourselves, upon any occasion, nor suffer to be used in our families, nor offer those, who may visit us, any kind of ardent spirit, except as medicines.

III. That we will not furnish with ardent spirit those whom we may have occasion to employ in any kind of labor.

IV. That we will bring the subject before our respective churches, urging upon all the members of them the adoption of the second and third of these resolutions.

V. That we will endeavor to impress upon the minds of people in general, in public and in private, the numerous evils of intemperance, and to persuade them to total abstinence from the use of spirituous liquors except as articles of medicine, as the only effectual method of checking its progress."—[Chr. Mirror.

REFORMATION.

A writer in the N. H. Repository states, that a militia company in Gilmanton performed the duties of the May training, without the use of ardent spirits; and that no one took cold, though the weather was quite rainy. He farther asserts, that the frame of a dwelling-house was lately raised in that place without the aid of ardent spirits, and without inconvenience or disorder;—that a merchant, who had become hopelessly pious, has publicly avowed his determination to retail no spirits, except for medicine;—and that some of their best farmers have managed their farms for a year past, without the aid of intoxicating liquors.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Passed by the Council at the late installation in Hanover, Ms.

1. "Voted, to approve of the course pursued by this church in convening this Ecclesiastical council on the evening preceding the installation, and to recommend their example to the imitation of other churches on similar occasions, that ample time may be had for the examination of the candidate, and for other necessary preparations for the public services.

2. "Voted, That we highly approve the sentiment expressed by this people in not providing ardent spirits for this council, and in all the measures which they have taken to prevent intemperance and disorder in the vicinity of the house of God, on this occasion, on the ground under the control of the parish."

DEFERRED ARTICLES.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Remarks on the Influence of the Mind upon the Body: an introductory Lecture, delivered March 27, 1827, to a course of Medical Lectures in the Hanover Hospital. By John P. Harrison, M. D. Louisville, Ky. 1827.

Hebrew Literature.—It is a good indication of the state of Hebrew literature in our country, that the first edition of Gibbs' Lexicon is already sold. Not a copy, we believe, is to be had at any of the bookstores. A second edition is in the press, and will proceed, we are told, as speedily as the contemplated improvements will admit.

Mr. G. receives from Giesens the proof-sheets of a new edition of his Lexicon now going through the press, by which he will be enabled to proceed with the work more rapidly than would otherwise be possible.—P. Chron.

Mr. Carter proposes to publish in two volumes, a Journal of his Tour through Great Britain, France, Italy and Switzerland.

Criticism.—A writer in the National Advocate, warred with the dramatic criticisms in N. York, has started a new subject, and is now animating upon the pulpit eloquence of the city. He speaks of preachers individually, & means to point out the elegance or defects of their oratory. This is a novel undertaking, & how it will be received by the public, remains to be seen. The progress, however, must be better than the commencement, or the critic himself, will sink under the low-water mark of mediocrity."

Census of Northampton.—In pursuance of a vote of the town, a census has been recently taken, which exhibits the following results: Males, 1840; females, 1840; total, 3680. Increase in 7 years 9th & 10th of June. Number of families, 516. The number of persons connected with the Round Hill School, (teachers, pupils, servants, &c.) is about 200; Shepherd's Factory, 203; Cook's Factory 57; Poor-house 52. The number of blacks is 23, of whom 15 are paupers. It is believed that the population of all the towns in the county has considerably increased since the census of 1830, but the greatest increase has been in Ware, Amherst, and Northampton.—Hampshire Gazette.

Act of Old Age.—Dr. William Adams, of Schenectady, N. Y. aged 97, lately rode in one day from Albany to Litchfield, a distance of upwards of 70 miles. He started at 1 o'clock in the morning and was unattended by any person except casual passengers in the stage. He was but little fatigued, and walked about the next day with ease and agility. He has lived for more than 70 years a practicing physician in Schenectady, and was a Surgeon under Sir William Johnson in the old French War.

Providence's Escape.—The small river running through Raymond, N. H. rose to high in the late frost, that a young woman in attempting to ford the crossing, with side of the bridge, near the village, in a one-horse wagon, was swept away by the violence of the current. The horse by swimming, kept his head above water, and the body of the wagon with the forward wheels, from drawing out. The lady heroically maintained her seat, though it was covered with water; and the whole had doubtless come easily to land, had not the horse, after swimming 6 or 8 rods, and when within 30 or 40 feet of the shore, unfortunately got entangled in the limbs of an apple-tree, where he remained fast. He lay for some time before he was rescued, and by the inhabitants of the village, to rescue the female from her perilous condition by means of rafts, &c.; but without effect, owing to the rapidity of the current. At length the horse by struggling, separated the load above mentioned, and the unfortunate one was plunged into the stream. At that instant a stranger, who happened to be travelling that way and who had arrived at the spot some time before, saw the accident, and brought the chilled, suffering fair one safe to land. The horse was also saved.

Mr. Condy Raguet, Charge d'Affaires from our government in Brazil, arrived New-York on Thursday last, from Rio Janeiro.

M. Rebello, Brazilian Charge d'Affaires in this country, has arrived from his journey to New-Orleans, at Washington, where it may be presumed his presence is required to attend to the concerns of his government.

John Todd, Esq. has been appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania, to be Judge of the Supreme Court of that state, in place of Mr. Binney, who declined the appointment.

ARTIFICIAL LEG.

Mr. Southworth Howland, of Brookfield, Ms. has invented an improved wooden leg, for persons who have suffered by amputation. It is formed with joints at the toes, the ankle and the knee. It is worn with ease, and appears natural. It has been thoroughly proved by many individuals, and is found completely to answer the object for which it is intended.

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REMARKS.

On Extempore Preaching.—Dr. Fuller, a witty divine, observes, that he would rather entertain his people with a sermon, than with a lecture on the table before him, than that which is hot from the spit, raw or half roasted.

Men think that the greatest content lies in having their wills; when indeed it is in exercising, mortifying and subduing their wills to the will of God.

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